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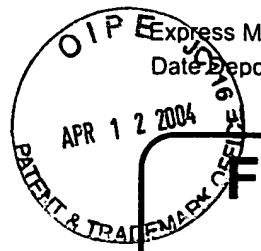
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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
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Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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PATENT

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Application No. : 10/633,173 **Confirmation No.:** 4590
Applicant(s) : Antonio V. Alcazar
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WITH A THIN SKIRT
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**List of Sections Forming Part of This
Information Disclosure Statement**

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. Preliminary Statements
2. FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)
3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. Cumulative Patents or Publications

6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement
7. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
 - 7A. EPO Search Report
 - 7B. English Language Version
8. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
9. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (Optional)
10. Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.

Section 2. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

- A completed Form 1449 (Modified) is attached hereto.
- No Form 1449 (Modified) is attached.

Section 3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications (Information Not Listed in Form PTO-1449)

Flower pot covers have traditionally been disposed about the outer surfaces of flower pots to decorate the flower pot and to minimize the amount of water or potting medium which may spill from the flower pot. The materials typically used to form decorative flower pot covers are relatively thin. While such thin materials are attractive in that they provide the flower pot covers with a skirt having a loose, billowy appearance, such materials are susceptible to puncturing or tearing by sharp areas or edges on or near the bottom and sides of the flower pot which allows moisture to leak through the flower pot cover, possibly causing damage to carpet, furniture, tile, and other surfaces upon which the flower pot cover may be disposed.

However, if rigid or semi-rigid materials are sued to produce flower pot covers and make the flower pot covers less susceptible to puncturing or tearing, then the skirt of the flower pot cover loses its loose, billowy appearance. Thus, it would be of benefit to the floral industry and to the end purchaser to have a flower pot cover constructed of rigid or semi-rigid material, but which has a skirt having a loose, billowy appearance.

Section 4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 10/247,257 filed on September 13, 2002.

(complete the following, if applicable)

- [] This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ (date).

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore, are not required to be provided in this application:

Section 5. Cumulative Patents or Publications

STATEMENT

_____ is cumulative of the following patents or publications listed on Form PTO-1449:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c), a copy of only _____ is being submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement.

Section 6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

[] Exception(s) to above:

[] Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.

[] Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.

Section 7. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items

Section 7A. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items - EPO Search Report

The relevance with respect to the following citations listed on Form PTO-1449:

is submitted on the basis of accompanying:

(check the appropriate item)

[] EPO search report that is in the English language,

[] EPO search report that is not in the English language and that is accompanied also by an English language version of the EPO search report,

that issued on the corresponding European patent application.

Section 7B. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items - English Language Version of EPO Search Report

Section 8. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents

- [] Submitted herewith is an English translation of the following foreign language patents, publications or information or of those portions of those patents, publications or information considered to be material:

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- [] No English language translations of the foreign language parents, publications or information or parts thereof are readily available, except for those listed above.
- [] The following foreign language documents submitted are believed to be the equivalent or substantial equivalent of the English language documents identified below, which are also submitted herewith.

Section 9. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (OPTIONAL)

Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

- [] supplied by the inventor(s)
- [] supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)).



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